

The Applicants hereby request continued examination of the above-identified application pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.114. This document is accompanied by a Petition under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) for a three (3) month extension of time. The commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the associated large entity fees of \$790.00 for the RCE as set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.17(e), and \$1020.00 for the Petition as set forth in 37 C.F.R. 1.17(a)(3), and any other fees required by this submission, to the deposit account of McAndrews, Held & Malloy, Ltd., Account No. 13-0017.

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Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 3 of this paper.

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